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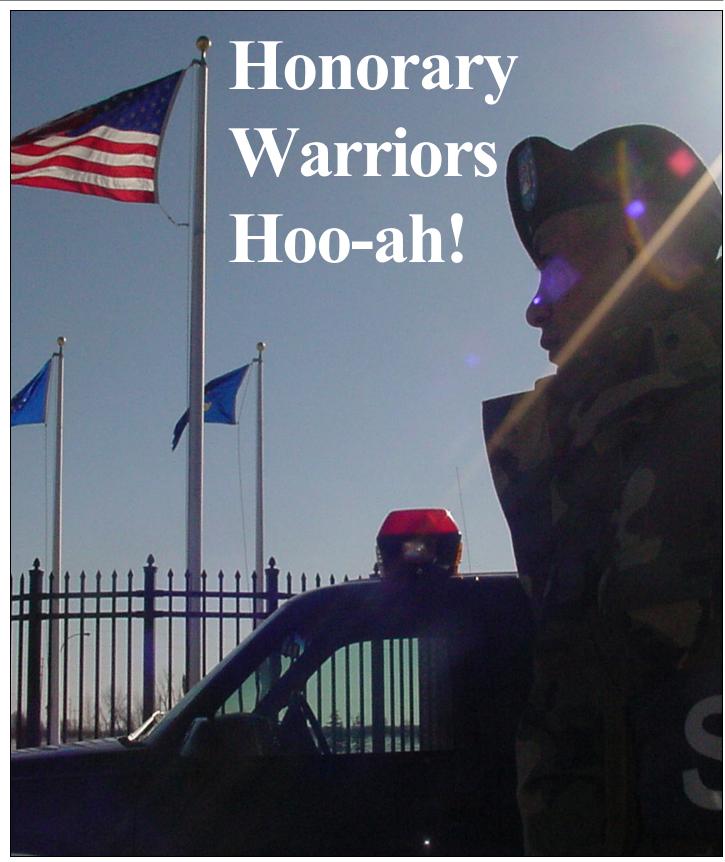


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319th Air Refueling Wing ◆ Warriors of the North

Perspective

'Seamlessly integrated' - National Guard soldiers made a difference

By Senior Master Sgt. Michael P. Hagans

319th Security Forces Squadron

Recently, the base and the 319th Security Forces Squadron marked the end of a joint adventure with our brethren with the 141st Engineer Combat Battalion from the North Dakota Army National Guard.

The more than 50 Soldiers who were brought on to active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle and arrived here in early 2003, have shown true devotion to their profession and dedication to duty.

Their acceptance by the base populace and their contributions to the base and surrounding communities have become everlasting.

As a community, we were extremely fortunate to have such fine quality of Soldiers assigned to our base. The Soldiers of the 141st honorably dislearn from their example.

Reflect upon this past year and how many times you've heard the Air Force chief of staff say, "Every Airman is a sensor!"

This is a state of mind we all need to accept, similar to that of a Soldier who tells you their primary duty is that of a rifleman. With this mindset, we can all understand our individual responsibility and how we fit into an integrated base defense scheme.

It's easy to reflect on how these Soldiers seamlessly integrated into the security of our community. They provided a presence along the base perimeter, supported the base force protection plan and solidified the wing and unit's overall rating of "Excellent" during the 2003 Headquarters Air Mobility Command Operational Readiness Inspection.

More importantly, we all felt the presence of professionals protecting our com-

played their profession, and we can all munity and guaranteeing controlled entry at our base gates and restricted areas.

> They not only integrated into the base defense, but the Soldiers took it upon themselves to improve our community.

> Being engineers by trade, many Soldiers voluntarily took on projects to improve our facilities and that of local churches, provided expert training and craftsmanship to fellow Airmen, coached local youth sports teams, and supported non-profit organizations. They displayed our core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

> Throughout the Soldiers' nearly twoyear tenure, their commander, Army Capt. Shane Clennon, could not thank the Grand Forks team enough. He commanded three units of Army National Guard soldiers who were integrated into Air Force bases and made it clear that the troops who came to Grand Forks were

accepted into the community.

From their initial in-processing to the final out-processing, the Grand Forks team went out of its way to ensure billets, dining, medical treatment and an explanation and appreciation of operational assets.

Now that our Soldiers have departed, I ponder what lessons our community has learned. The 141st Soldiers clearly displayed total force integration -National Guard Army engineers performing a security mission on an active duty Air Force base.

Even though our Army friends have departed – and we thank them for their excellent contributions - our security forces maintain their same operations tempo. As a reminder, we all have to accept our role in base defense and it's every Airman's job to understand their role as a sensor, not only deployed, but at

Action Line

Call 747-4522 or E-mail commandersactionline@grandforks.af.mil

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base. For questions about current events or rumors, leave a message.

Questions are answered in the order received.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Tyrrell

Col. Mark Ramsay 319th Air Refueling Wing commander

Consecutive **DWI-free days** Goal is zero DWIs.

Last Leader edition

The Dec. 17 edition of *The Leader* is the last edition of the year.

All submissions for the Dec. 17 issue must be in by noon Dec. 9.

The first issue of the year is Jan. 7, 2005. All submissions are due by Thursday the week prior to publication.

For more information call the Public Affairs office at 747-5020.

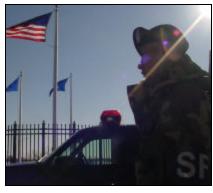


Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Cover: After nearly two years of service, members of the 141st Engineering Combat Battalion go home. As base leaders have said, "They truly are honorary Warriors of the North and brothers in arms." The Leader shows tribute to the Army for helping the 319th Air Refueling Wing do its part in the Global War on Terror. See Pages 10-11 for more.

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Base to house NASA aircraft for UND

The University of North Dakota has been awarded control to use NASA's top DC-8 research aircraft.

By Staff Sgt. Monte Volk Public affairs

The base will soon house NASA's DC-8 Airborne Laboratory for the University of North Dakota. The announcement came from Dr. Charles Kupchella, UND president, at a press conference Wednesday morning.

The DC-8 Airborne Laboratory will move from NASA's Dyden Flight Research Center, Edwards AFB, Calif., in March 2005. UND proposed the aircraft be bedded down here because the Grand Forks International Airport lacks the runway size to support DC-8 operations, and the Air Staff approved the measure in late October.

"We are happy to be able to provide support to UND and this program, and we look forward to aiding UND and NASA," said Col. Scott Reese, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander. "We place a common value on research, education and innovation."

Currently, the DC-8 mission requires eight full-time maintenance and support personnel. During the upload of scientific research projects (which takes place roughly three times a year), between 30 and 100 additional staff require access to the aircraft. Facility upgrades to support the aircraft, staff and equipment will be made to Air Force specifications at UND expense, according to Air Force officials.

The Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium at UND will manage the aircraft while it's stationed here. UND will receive approximately \$4 million a year from NASA to house and maintain the laboratory, along with up to \$2.5 million a year for individual missions.

"This is big! I couldn't be more excited if I were still a kid and had just been



Courtesy phot

The DC-8 Airborne Laboratory aircraft collects data at flight altitude and by remote sensing and has been used for scientific studies such as archaeology, ecology, geography, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography, volcanology, atmospheric chemistry, soil science and biology.

told I was going along with NASA on a trip to the moon," said Dr. Kupchella. "The idea to base NASA's DC-8 here evolved quickly because of the obvious complementary strengths, abilities and interests among UND's Aerospace program, NASA and the U.S. Air Force."

"Great ideas can't happen without a home," said Phil Harmeson, UND senior associate to the president. "The base has provided that home for this program." "We have been fortunate to enjoy a strong relationship with both the university and the community," said Colonel Reese. "This is another example of that continuing partnership."

The four-engine former jetliner can fly missions as long as 12 hours over a range of 5,400 nautical miles at cruise altitudes of up to 41,000 feet. The DC-8 can carry 30,000 pounds of scientific instruments and equipment.

Col. Scott Reese, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander, (right) carves a turkey for Airey Dining Facility patrons, while Lt. Col. Robert Valentine, 319th Medical Support Squadron commander, assists on Thanksgiving day.

Talkin' turkey





(Above) An Airman gets the royal treatment when he goes through the serving line Thanksgiving Day at the Airey Dining Facility. The vice wing commander, group commanders, squadron commanders, chiefs and first sergeants all got behind the serving line.

(Left) 319th Security Forces Squadron members enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner to go at the W.A.R. Center.

News

Base nets \$84,000 for charity

By Capt. Michael Meridith Public affairs

Six weeks of effort by volunteers across the base were rewarded with the Nov. 23 announcement that base members had raised more than \$84,000 for this year's Combined Federal Campaign.

CFC is the annual fund-raising campaign for federal employees and the only authorized solicitation of federal employees at work on behalf of charitable organizations. This year's campaign gave base members the opportunity to donate to any of 1,648 charities, including more than 30 local organizations.

The \$84,983 raised was nearly \$10,000 more than the previous year and the result of a lot of hard work, according to base project officer Capt. Jason Lauterbach.

"The primary goal each year is 100 percent contact, ensuring everyone in the wing is aware of the campaign and has the opportunity to contribute, if they

desire," he said. "Thanks to the efforts of our key workers, every unit met the 100 percent contact goal this year."

Captain Lauterbach also noted that the effort of key workers had not only ensured full contact, but had resulted in more than two dozen wing organizations raising between 100 and 500 percent of their monetary goals.

Col. Scott Reese, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander, recognized those efforts. "The Warriors of the North truly hit a home run on this one," he said.

Shaun Havis, representing the Grand Forks and East Grand Forks United Way, summed up the base's campaign by noting its impact on the community and beyond.

"CFC is an extension of all the things you do in our community and we appreciate it," Mr. Havis said. "Through the generosity of people from the base, thousands of people are given the chance to improve their quality of life."

Holiday Events

The holidays are approaching, and the base is gearing up for the festive time. Here are some of the upcoming holiday events.

Family support center open house

The FSC will be holding its annual Military Family open house from 2 to 4 p.m. today. Santa Claus will be present for photos and to pass out gifts. Everyone is invited to attend, especially those new to the military and deployed family members.

For details call the FSC at 747-3241.

Holiday cookie campaign

Join in the gift giving by donating cookies and volunteering time for the base Airmen through the Holiday Cookie Campaign Monday. Cookie donations may

be dropped off at the Praire Rose Chapel Annex between 7:30 and 9 a.m. Basic holiday type cookies are needed, avoid the gooey kind.

To volunteer to collect cookies and build gift bags, call Senior Master Sgt. Tom Tezel at 747-6207.

Operation Potato Sale

The base First Sergeant's Group is sponsoring the annual case-lot sale Thursday at 9 a.m. in the liberty square parking lot. Patrons get an 18-30-pound case of frozen processed potatoes (french fries, tator tots, and spudsters) for a \$5 donation.

Every effort will be made to honor specific potato request but they are not guaranteed. Reservations are encouraged because supplies are limited.

For details call any first sergeant.

WAR Center Anniversary Open House

The Warrior Airmen Recreation Center is celebrating its first anniversary Dec. 9 and invites the base to celebrate. There will be refreshments and a tour of the facility. For details call the WAR Center at 747-5733.

Tree harvest

The Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, located between Mentor and Erskine, Minn., holds its annual tree harvest Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a handsaw (no chainsaws allowed) to cut a tree. A few handsaws will be available for use at the refuge for those who do not have

their own.

Volunteers will be on-hand in the visitor center to register those who wish to cut a tree. They will also help attendees get to the field where the trees may be cut. Volunteers will also be at the cutting sites to assist with tree removal and tie down. The reduction of the conifer stands is part of the refuge's management goals.

To get to the refuge, go three miles east of Mentor, or about three miles west of Erskine, on U.S. Highway 2 and turn south on Polk County 210. Follow 210 for 2.5 miles to the large entrance sign. Visitors may also take Highway 59 to Polk County 41, then turn west and follow the signs.

For details call the refuge at 1-800-841-172

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. Sunflower Chapel. **Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation):** 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 8, Sunflower Chapel. **Advent Penance Service:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Sunflower Chapel.

Weekday Mass: Usually held 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sunflower Chapel

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel, or by appointment by calling 747-5673.

Catholic Scripture Study: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sunflower Chapel basement.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Adult Education, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Sacramental Programs: Classes start at 11 a.m. Sunday at Twining Elementary School.

For details on educational programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel. **Contemporary Worship:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: noon Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room.747-4359.

Young Adults: 6 p.m., Friday, Chaplain Swain's Home, call 747-4359 for details.

Women's Bible Study: 7 p.m., Monday, Prairie Rose conference room.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel: Starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, youth center.

Protestant Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Eielson Elementary School.

JEWISH:

Call B'nai Israel Synagogue at 775-5124.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, ORTHODOX, OTHER:

For details call 747-5673.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

The Grudge (PG-13)

Karen, an American student working with a Japanese health center for college credit, comes across a mysterious curse. She finds herself embroiled in a fight for her own sanity, and, ultimately, her survival.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

I Heart Huckabees (PG-13)

Albert Markovski hires two "existential detectives" to help him examine his life, including his battles with a nasty corporate exec and his relationship with his girlfriend

Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

The Incredibles (PG)

Bob Parr (Craig T. Nelson) was known to all as Mr. Incredible, but now the erstwhile superhero has retired to a quiet life in the suburbs and a job as an insurance salesman. But after a mysterious communication summons him to a remote island, he springs back into action, along with his superpowerendowed family.

Dec. 11, noon
The Incredibles (PG)

Tickets: \$1.75 children, \$3.50 adults. For details call 747-3021/6123.

Base Activities

Today

KIDDIE CAMPUS BOOK FAIR

The Kiddie Campus and the child development center are holding a book fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Kiddie Campus Gym.

All proceeds go to the Kiddie Campus and child development center.

Wednesday

SLEDDING FUN

The youth center will hold sledding at Turtle River State Park Dec. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. for children ages 6-12. Sign up by Wednesday. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Each trip needs 10 people to hold. A parent permission slip and sled are required. Transportation departs from and returns to the youth center.

Thursday

25th ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

The 25th annual tree lighting ceremony is Thursday. The Sakakawea memorial tree at the library and a tree in front of the Landing Strip Mall will be lit

simultaneously. The cookie and greeting card contest winners will be announced.

Entertainment is provided by the school age and CDC children. Refreshments will be provided at the community center.

For details see the services website at www.gf-services.com.

Upcoming

SPOUSES GROUP MEETING

The aircraft maintenance squadron's spouse's group is having a party at the Sunflower Chapel as part of its regular meeting Monday at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The annual ornament exchange will follow the party. Please bring an ornament of \$10 or less if you would like to participate. Child care will be provided. For details call Jeanette Lewis at 594-8510 or 594-3359.

CLUB DINING

There will be no evening dining at the Northern Lights Club during the month of December due to holiday parties.

Warriors of North bid farewell, say thanks to Army National Guardsmen for service



North Dakota Army National Guard Staff Sqt. Richard Martin and Spec. Jerry Belile discuss their first full day of work on the flightline back in 2003. When asked how their stay on base had gone so far, both said it's had been "very good" and they were treated well by their security forces counterparts.

By Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke Public affairs

It may seem that coming onto base has a different feel or that something is missing. It's not just a feeling.

After being a part of the 319th Security Forces Squadron for nearly two years, the Army National Guard's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion members were relieved of duty Nov.

The Soldiers came to support the wing's

By the numbers

Fast facts about the North Dakota Army National Guard secuirty support.

141st Engineer Combat Battallion, Carrington and Bismarck, N.D.

Number of Soldiers first deployed here:

Date first arrived:

Feb. 10, 2003

Primary deployed duty:

Air base ground defense, installation secuirty

Date departed: Nov. 19, 2004

Total days with Army Guard support:

security, law enforcement and force protection missions.

The 53 soldiers from the North Dakota Army National Guard's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion arrived here in February 2003 to settle in for a scheduled one-year stay.

Before arriving, the Guard members left their homes in Carrington and Bismarck, N.D., for more than 10 days of initial homeland security training at Fort Carson, Colo. When the training was complete, they hopped on a bus and traveled more than 20 hours to get here.

Upon their arrival to Grand Forks, the Soldiers received two weeks of additional training on the the ways of Air Force security forces. After that, they were trained security forces

"When they told us we would be augmenting security forces we were surprised," said Army Capt. Shane Clennon, company commander. "We're engineers, but it worked."

The integration of Army members was so seamless that soon base members couldn't differentiate between Soldiers and Airmen when they entered the base.

"Most times I would have to take a second look when coming into the gate," said Airman 1st Class Jamie Locke, 319th Comptrollers Squadron. "They just blended in with the rest of security forces."

Chief Master Sgt. Louis Lombardi, 319th SFS chief enlisted manager, commended the

Pfc. Jesse Eversvik, a member of the 141st Engineer Combat Battalion of the North Dakota Army National Guard, works the main gate during his first day of security duty. Eversvik and more than 50 others from his unit came here to supplement security forces in providing base security.

Army senior non-commissioned officers here. "Their leadership and the example they set

for the other Soldiers was impeccable." While here the Soldiers assisted the security

forces members with numerous incidents ranging from stopping erratic drivers to assisting the wildlife off the base.

Lt. Col. James Marry, 319th SFS commander, said that the assistance the Guard members provided couldn't have come at a better time.

"Without the Guard, we couldn't have done our mission. Thier professionalism was instrumental to our success."

Before departing, the Guard members were treated to an incentive flight on one of the wing's KC-135 Stratotankers.

Soon after their official deactivation, the Guard members returned to their homes and families.



Chief Master Sgt. Louis Lombardi, 319th Security Forces Squadron, speaks on the merits of the Army senior non-commissioned officers here. Their leadership helped the integration go smoothly, he said.

Local Area

Holiday activities

It's December, which means a plethora of events and activities across the state related to the winter holiday. The action begins the first weekend of the month and doesn't end until after

the clock strikes midnight on a new year.

The following are just a few of those events happening throughout North Dakota:

Grand Forks (Through Jan. 4)

The holiday season kicks off with more than 60 displays of holiday lights sure to delight all ages.

Christmas in the Park offers residents

and visitors a chance to celebrate the season in brilliant splendor.

This driving tour begins at the Lincoln Drive entry point to Lincoln Drive Park and follows a course through the neighborhood.

For details call 701-775-9380.

Grand Forks (Sunday)

A parade of lights through downtown Grand Forks begins at 6 p.m. There will also be entertainment, sleigh rides and food For details call 800-866-4566.

Bonanzaville, West Fargo (Saturday)

Take a step back in time as the holiday season is portrayed at historic Bonanzaville USA. You can watch as a pioneer family prepares for Christmas in their own simple way inside a centuryold cabin.

Live caroling and musical numbers can be heard in the 115-year-old church. Treats will be served throughout the village, which features holiday lights throughout.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand and vintage holiday movies will play in the movie theater.

You can also enjoy a horse-drawn ride through the village.

The event runs from 5-9 p.m. Saturday and is free to the public.

For details call 701-282-2822; or online at www.bonanzaville.com.

Drayton (Saturday)

A live outdoor Nativity scene is the highlight of this event. There are also horse-drawn hay rides, a visit from Santa Claus and an outdoor fire burning warmer.

For details call 701-454-3474; or online at www.draytonND.com.

Finley (Saturday)

A bazaar and craft show, kiddie Christmas movies, a visit from Santa, the town lighting of the tree, hayrides and caroling. All highlight Findley's holiday celebration.

For details call 701-524-1561.

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Local Area

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Bismarck (Saturday - Jan. 1)

More than 60 lighted displays - approximately half of which are animated - can be viewed from the warmth of your car as you travel through Sertoma Park.

This annual event runs from 6-10 p.m. each evening. The cost is \$5 per car.

For details call 701-255-0227.

Mandan (Dec. 11-12)

Celebrate the holidays with Gen. George Custer and his wife, Libby, at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.

The reconstructed Custer home and other buildings will be decorated in 1875 fashion.

Period music, sleigh rides and caroling are planned. Period dance instruction and a chance to take an old-time family photo will be available.

All activities are from 1-4 p.m. A formal period dinner will take place Sunday evening with candlelight tours of the house.

For details call 701-667-6340; or online at www.firstnightggf.org.

online at www.fortlincoln.com.

Williston (Dec. 11)

This event at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center includes holiday music and refreshments.

You can help decorate the museum's Christmas tree and learn how Christmas was celebrated by the frontier army.

For details call 701-572-9034; or online at www.discovernd.com/hist.

Fargo (Dec. 11 and 18)

Visit with Santa Claus at the zoo and enjoy cookies, cocoa and other fun activities. Event hours are 2-5 p.m.

For details call 701-277-9240; or online at www.redriverzoo.org.

Grand Forks (Dec. 31)

Enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment for the whole family during Greater Grand Forks' First Night nonalcoholic celebration.

Ring in the new year with sleigh rides, music, comedy, great food and, fireworks at midnight.

For details call 218-230-4231; or online at www.firstnightggf.org.

Prevent flu by staying clean, staying fit

Compiled from staff reports

The snow and cold weather are here and with them comes the long flu season. Flu vaccine supplies are severely reduced this year. On top of that, the vaccine may not be delivered until December, which maybe too late.

Once the vaccine is received, it will only be given to high-risk patients, healthcare workers, and deploying personnel.

Due to the shortage, active duty members, civil servants, contractors and their families will most likely not be vaccinated but vaccination is not the only way to help prevent the spread of flu.

Staying clean

Prevention is one key to staying healthy.

Practicing good personal hygiene is the most essential factor in preventing the spread of infection. Individuals ultimately have an impact on their immediate environment through the habits they follow on a daily basis. Personal hygiene is a habit learned early in life. Keeping yourself and the environment around you clean helps keep you and those around you healthy.

Many people already relate hand washing and bathing to preventing diseases, but many other factors go into preventing diseases.

Disease and germ prevention can

also be put into action at work.

When was the last time you cleaned your desk, your telephone receiver or washed your coffee cup? By not keeping your immediate surroundings clean you could unwittingly be creating the perfect environment for disease-causing organisms to grow.

When someone touches, coughs, sneezes, or breathes into the environment, germs are invariably left behind. These germs "hang around" and wait for a new home to come along; that new environment could be you.

Staying fit

The Air Force embraces the fit to fight concept and as a result, Airmen

are using the gym more frequently. More use means more sweat and germs.

The sports and fitness center personnel sanitize the machines twice a day and ask patrons to use the supplied sanitizing spray to clean up after themselves.

"Most patrons sanitize the machines when they are finished," said Staff Sgt. Fernando Roman, 319th Services Squadron, fitness specialist. "We just do the second line of defense to keep the place as germ free as possible."

The fitness center emphasizes staying hydrated throughout the winter.

"Just because it's cold doesn't mean you can't get dehydrated," said Sergeant Roman.

12 tips to stay clean

- Wash with soap and water or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Avoid close contact.
- Avoid close contact with sick people. Keep your distance from others when you are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick.
- Avoid public places such as stores and restaurants.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- Clean your hands; frequently washing hands helps get rid of germs.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Other good habits such as getting plenty of sleep, engaging in physical activity, managing stress, drinking water, and eating good food will help you stay healthy in the winter and all year.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket.

For details call public health at 747-5511.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clark

Senior Airman Aundrey Esmie, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron, sprays the elliptical machine after using it. Sanitizing work out equipment after each use reduces the spread of germs and bacteria.

Intramural Standings

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